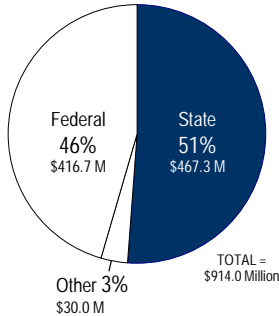


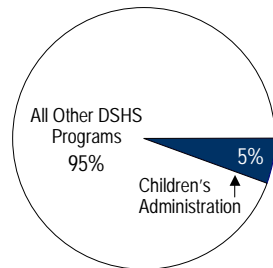
Funding Sources

2003-05 Biennium



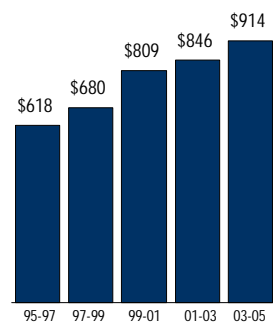
The Children's Administration Budget

As a Percent of the DSHS Budget
All Funds



Funding Trend

Total Dollars to the Children's Administration
(In Millions)



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THE CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION (CA) provides a comprehensive range of services to protect children from abuse and neglect, support families, and assure quality care for children. Services are provided in the child's home and in out-of-home placement. In Fiscal Year 2003, one out of every 35 children in Washington was referred to Child Protective Services for suspected child abuse and neglect. The administration responds to complaints with resources that balance the child's need for critical family connections with the need to protect them from harm.

With legislative support, Washington's child welfare system is making comprehensive reforms through the *Kids Come First Action Agenda*. This effort places child safety as the first priority, expands community partnerships, improves communications, and increases accountability. Aggressive efforts to make changes through new initiatives and a review of current practices in the child welfare field will further protect children and better address their medical and emotional needs. The cornerstone is a reform of the Foster Care program. The Foster Care Improvement Plan is the foundation to make system changes that focus on keeping children connected to their families, neighborhoods, and schools.

2003-05 BIENNIUM FUNDING

Authorized spending for the CA, including the Family Policy Council, in 2003-05 is **\$914.0 million** (\$467.3 million GF-S), which supports 2,375 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) and the program priorities identified below:

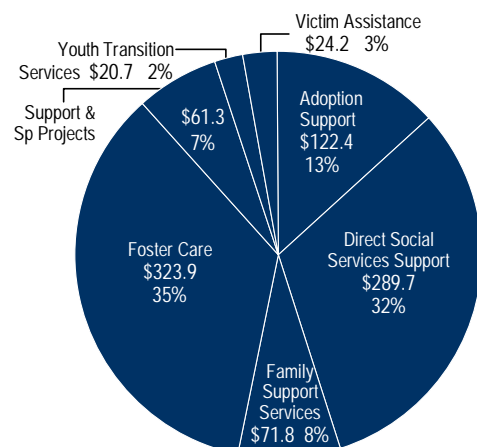
FOSTER CARE

Services provide 24-hour care for children of all ages who need temporary or extended out-of-home placement due to child abuse, neglect or family conflict. Foster care is provided by licensed foster parents or unlicensed relative caretakers when a child is placed by the Division of Children and Family Services. Foster care services are also available with licensed foster parents through community child placing agencies. Children needing a higher standard of care and treatment may be placed in residential facilities. The goal of foster care services is to return the child home or to find another suitable home quickly. *\$323.9 million (\$223.9 million GF-S, \$98.5 million GF-F, \$1.5 million Other)*

2003-05 Biennial Base Funding

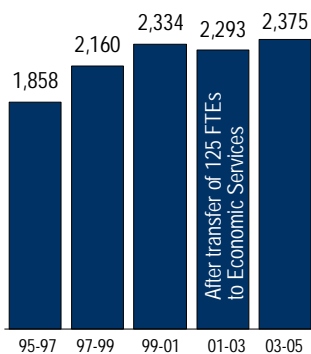
Initial Allotment

Total = \$914.0 Million



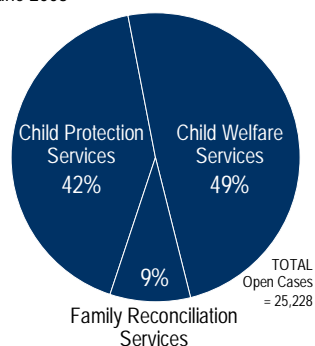
Budgeted FTEs

Children's Administration Total

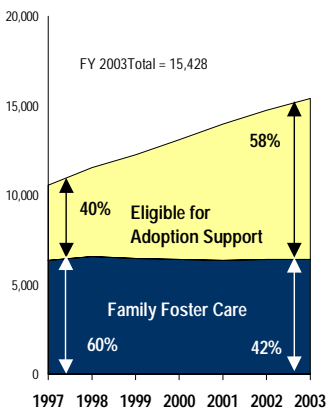


Distribution of Open Cases

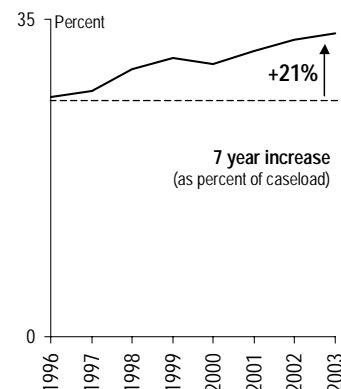
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Family Foster Care/Adoption



Percent of Children Placed with Relatives



ADOPTION SUPPORT

Funding resources are available to assist families adopting children with special needs. Adoption Support helps families offset the additional expenses involved in caring for these children. Medical services through the state Medicaid program, pre-authorized counseling and childcare or intensive supervision are some of the services that may be subsidized through this program. \$122.4 million (\$71.5 million GF-S, \$50.9 million GF-F)

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Support and Preservation Services are offered to children and families who are in crisis and at risk of disruption or to safely reunify a child with the family. These services are provided largely by community agencies under contract with CA with a goal to prevent abuse and neglect and to prevent placement. The administration provides paraprofessionals to assist families to safely parent their children in their own homes. \$71.8 million (\$36.4 million GF-S, \$34.1 million GF-F, \$1.3 million other)

YOUTH TRANSITION

These services provide temporary shelter to runaways and other at-risk youth with the goal of family reunification. They are used to assess and to stabilize adolescents and, if necessary, provide transitional placement while preparing them for independence when they reach legal adulthood. \$20.7 million (\$1.2 million GF-S, \$19.3 million GF-F, \$0.2 million Other)

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Victims of domestic violence and their families receive assistance through community agencies with emergency shelter and/or safe home refuge. The program provides support services, such as legal and medical advocacy, support groups or individual counseling and access to food and clothing. Victims of sexual assault and other crimes also receive advocacy and support services from community agencies under contract with the CA. \$24.2 million (\$9.2 million GF-S, \$14.3 million GF-F, \$0.7 million other)

FIELD STAFF

Programs within this category provide direct services for the projected receipt of 172,000 referrals in 2003-05 for Child Protective Services, Family Reconciliation Services and Child Welfare Services. \$289.7 million (\$103.9 million GF-S, \$185.8 million GF-F)

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

SUPPORTING CHILD AND FAMILY OUTCOMES

It is very difficult to achieve the strategic objectives set forth by the CA for the 2005-11 planning cycle within available resources. Objectives include continued efforts to reduce social worker caseloads, increase utilization of federal funding, and compliance with accreditation standards and the federal requirements as determined by the Child and Family Services review. The CA will continue to implement efficiencies in business practices, reduce overall administrative expenditures, and improve the payment process for purchased social services.